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**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Patent application of  
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For: PEPTIDE FRAGMENTS OF MURINE  
EPIDERMAL GROWTH FACTOR AS  
LAMININ RECEPTOR TARGETS : Chih-Min-Kam

**Response**

Commissioner for Patents  
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This is in response to the office action mailed April 20, 2004. Per the petition and fee submitted herewith, Applicants invoke the benefit of 37 CFR 1.136 to secure a three-month extension of time up to and including October 20, 2004. If a further fee is due, please charge deposit account no. 50-0573. Kindly amend the application, without prejudice, as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)**

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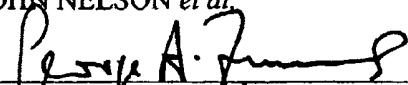
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Based on the foregoing, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action toward that end is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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